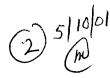
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FILED HARRISBURG

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DEBBIE A. MESSNER, Individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of Keith A. Messner,

Civil Action No.

MARY E. D'ANDREA, CLERK

Plaintiff,

Defendant

v.

MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO PLEAD

CONSECO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Filed on Behalf of: Defendant Conseco Life Insurance Company

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CONSECO LIFE INSURANCE

COMPANY,

1:CV UL-U812

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NOW COMES the Defendant, Conseco Life Insurance Company ("Conseco"), by and through its counsel Doepken, Keevican & Weiss, and hereby requests a thirty (30) day enlargement of time to plead to the Complaint, stating as follows:.

- Defendant requests this enlargement of time on the basis that the allegations in 1. the Complaint involve a lengthy relationship between Plaintiff and the Defendant insurance company and the records are quite voluminous. Counsel requests additional time to review the records to prepare the proper responsive pleading to the Complaint.
- This request is not sought for purposes of delay, but rather so that Defendant 2. can accurately respond to the allegations in the Complaint. This is the Defendant's first request for an enlargement of time.

- If this Motion is granted, Conseco's responsive pleading would be due on or 3. before June 10, 2001.
- In a telephone call on May 9, 2001, the secretary for counsel for the Plaintiff 4. Glenn C. Vaughn, Esquire who indicated that Mr. Vaughn was unavailable. counsel is unable to indicate whether or not Mr. Vaughn will oppose the enlargement of time requested in the within Motion.
- As this case is in its initial stages, the enlargement of time will not materially 5. delay the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Conseco Life Insurance Company requests a thirty (30) day enlargement of time, up to and including June 10, 2001, to respond to the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1

I hereby certify, pursuant to Local Rule 7.1 of the U.S. States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, that on May 9, 2001, John R. Gotaskie, Jr., Esquire, of Doepken Keevican & Weiss, conferred with the secretary for counsel for the Plaintiff, Glenn C. Vaughn, Esquire, who indicated that Mr. Vaughn was unavailable. Therefore I am unable to indicate whether or not Mr. Vaughn will oppose the enlargement of time requested in the within Motion.

David T. Kluz, Esquire

Pa. I.D. #18005

Counsel for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the within Motion for Extension of Time to Plead has been served upon all parties either individually or through counsel by:

> Hand Delivery First Class Mail, Postage Prepaid Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested Facsimile

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